

Reply comments are to be filed on or before May 22, 1998. To file formally in this proceeding, you must file an original and five copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. If you want each

Commissioner to receive a personal copy of your comments, you must file an original and ten copies. Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also submit two copies of comments and reply comments to Wilbert E. Nixon, Jr., Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 2100 M Street, NW., Room 7102, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, INC., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

E. Authority

The above action is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, 1, 4(i), 152, 222, 252(c)(5), 301, and 303, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 222, 252(c)(5), 301, and 303, as amended.

F. Ordering Clauses:

It is ordered that pursuant to sections 4(i), 11, 303(g), 03(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c), this *notice of proposed rulemaking* is hereby *adopted*.

It is further ordered that the Commission's Office of Public Affairs, Reference Operations Division, *shall send* a copy of this *notice of proposed rulemaking*, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101

Communications common carriers, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Parts 803 and 852

RIN 2900-AJ06

Acquisition Regulations: Improper Business Practices and Personal Conflicts of Interest; Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulations (VAAR) concerning the requirement to include an Ethics in Government Act certification in solicitations. This action is proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996 (also known as the Clinger-Cohen Act), 41 U.S.C. 425, which stipulate that certain certification requirements not required by statute be eliminated from agency supplemental acquisition regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ06." All written comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Corso, Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Policy Team (95A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-602, since it does not contain any substantive provisions. This proposed rule would not cause a significant effect on any entities. This proposed rule deletes a requirement for contracting officers to include a particular provision in solicitations, which does not impact the

public. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

List of Subjects

48 CFR Part 803

Antitrust, Conflict of interests, Government procurement.

48 CFR Part 852

Government procurement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Approved: March 26, 1998.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 48 CFR Chapter 8 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 801—VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

1. The authority citation for parts 803 and 852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

PART 803—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

2. In part 803, § 803.101-3, paragraph (c) is removed.

PART 852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. In subpart 852.2, § 852.203-70 is removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 424

[I.D. 032498B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Listings and Proposed Designations of Critical Habitat for West Coast Steelhead, Chinook, Chum, and Sockeye Salmon

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: NMFS has proposed to list 13 evolutionarily significant units (ESUs)